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PROCUREMENT OF NIGHT VISION DEVICES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Forces propose to acquire night vision devices to enhance the night-fighting capabilities;

(b) if so, the countries from which such devices would be procured and the total estimated cost thereof;

(c) whether the trials on such night vision devices have been conducted; and

(d) if so, the test reports thereof and the extent to which these are likely to be beneficial for the Defence Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. The Defence Forces propose to acquire night vision devices.

The acquisitions are proposed to be made through floating of Global Request for Proposals/Foreign Military Sales route.

The evaluations/trials are in progress in some of the cases. Divulging the details in this regard on the Floor of the House would not be in the interest of national security.

The procurement of these devices would enhance the night-fighting capabilities of the Armed Forces.